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I have just talked to Castillo Armas, Monzon, and Oliva, who have developed following plan to dominate situation which threatens to get out of control because of insubordination of Major Sosa, who is temporarily in command of base militar with 800 men and apparently is aiding insurgent cadet group despite direct orders from Monzon, Minister Defense Close, and Chief of Staff Oscar Mendoza:

1. Despatch Colonel Cruz Salazar, ex-Junta member, to persuade cadets to withdraw into city from Roosevelt Hospital area under full guarantees, thus removing pretext for further fighting. Cruz has departed on this mission with Archbishop Rossell y Arellano.

2. Withdraw air force planes from airfield which adjoins base militar.

3. Move in Guardia de Honor and other regular army troops and attack base militar if Sosa continues in rebellion. No role was described for Liberation Army.

Ground fighting has continued sporadically since this morning with inconclusive results. At about 11 a.m. column from base militar was reported headed in direction of Roosevelt Hospital and later liberation forces were observed recruiting unarmed partisans. Cease fire had been arranged between cadet group and Liberation Army to last from 1 through 5 p.m. but was apparently not (repeat not) immediately observed.

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